

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
January 3, 2005  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

Board Members Present: Richard J. Kirchner, Chairman  
Janet G. Stanton  
David D. Macy, Selectman

Others Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator  
Diane P. Roosa, Recording Secretary  
Peter Rowntree, Sheffield Times  
Vito Valentini  
Sheryl Lechner, Berkshire Eagle  
Kathy Orlando, Sheffield Land Trust

Chairman Kirchner called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** for December 27, 2004. Selectman Stanton moved to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2004 meeting, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.

**STREET CURB CUT PERMIT:**

A brief discussion was held on the request from Edmund Grossman and Arlene Petroff Grossman for a street curb cut on Bow Wow Road. Selectman Stanton moved that the Street Curb Cut Permit for Edmund Grossman and Arlene Petroff Grossman on Bow Wow Road be granted pending approval by the Chief of Police, seconded by Selectman Macy. Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENTS:**

Town Administrator Weitz stated that Counsel had recommended language changes to Section 3 of the Personnel Policy (copy attached to file). Selectman Macy moved that the changes be accepted as noted, seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carried unanimously.

**SHEFFIELD LAND TRUST – RE: CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS:**

Kathy Orlando was present on behalf of the Sheffield Land Trust to provide the Board with an update regarding the request for a conservation restriction on property located on Bow Wow Road. Ms. Orlando stated that due to concerns regarding the driveway, the Sheffield Land Group has decided to modify section III(B)11 to reflect changes to the driveway and to exclude it from the conservation restriction. Ms. Orlando further stated that the State has been contacted about the issues surrounding the driveway. The State has instructed the group to make whatever revisions are necessary and to return the conservation restriction to them along with the completed signature page and highlighted modifications, and that they would then review the changes and go through their signature process again. Ms. Orlando stated she anticipated that it would take a couple of months to do the design work and get the surveying completed, at which time a revised draft and supporting documents would be presented for the Board's review. In the meantime, Ms. Orlando will keep the Board updated and answer any questions that they may have concerning the conservation restriction.

Selectman Macy requested that the Sheffield Land Trust Group provide a more definitive map with their next presentation to the Board.

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN ITEMS:**

Chairman Kirchner raised the issue of the transfer employees being paid for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Chairman Kirchner stated that the holidays this year both fell on Saturday (a day that the transfer station employees are normally scheduled to work) and that he felt they should be compensated for these two days. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the transfer station employees would be paid for Christmas and New Year's Day for this year only. **Selectman Macy moved to pay the transfer station employees who would have worked for Christmas and New Year's Day and that this would not be a precedent but handled on a case-by-case basis at the Board's discretion, seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carried unanimously.**

Selectman Stanton reported that there was an abundance of bottles and cans at the transfer station over the weekend and that she would like an update on the matter. Town Administrator Weitz explained that there was an unusually high volume of bottles and cans due to the holiday. Town Administrator Weitz stated that he would check with David Smith of Kiwanis regarding the recycling of the bottles and cans. He further stated that starting tomorrow, the transfer station would go back to their old system of using the old compactor, because they could put more garbage into the old compactor than the new one.

Chairman Kirchner stated that he had a concern about cars being allowed into the transfer station without stickers. Town Administrator Weitz agreed to address this issue with the transfer station employees.

Selectman Stanton brought up a concern about the Kellogg Road and Boardman Street intersection. Selectman Stanton suggested that a stop sign be installed at the end of Kellogg Road. After some discussion it was agreed that the yield sign on Boardman Street should be removed to see if that would help to alleviate some of the confusion. Town Administrator Weitz will contact the Highway Department concerning this request.

Selectman Macy stated that he had received a number of calls from citizens experiencing programs cutting out and coming back on with Channels 10 and 13. He said that he has also experienced this same problem. Selectman Macy called the Adelphia office in Lee and was not satisfied with the response he received. Selectman Macy suggested that the Board write a letter to the Corporate office on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Sheffield expressing their displeasure with the service that is being provided. Selectman Macy urged the residents of Sheffield to make phone calls to Adelphia as well on their own behalf if they are experiencing any problems with their service. The Town Administrator will write a letter and also address the fact that the Board has not received any complaint reports from Adelphia for a long time and would appreciate receiving copies of these reports.

Selectman Macy questioned the Town Administrator on the status of the pre-mix (molasses) that is being proposed for use on the roads. Town Administrator Weitz updated Selectman Macy on the matter and stated that a quantity of the pre-mix will be ordered for use this year on an experimental basis.

Town Administrator Weitz informed the Board that there was some vandalism done at the Highway garage recently, and that some type of enclosure should be considered in the near future to secure the garage area. Selectman Macy suggested that monies be placed in this year's budget request for a chain link fence for the garage area as well as a new fence for the cemetery.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Vito Valentini asked if it was anticipated that Route 41 would be repaved at some point? Chairman Kirchner responded not to his knowledge and that it was a state highway. Chairman Kirchner suggested that Mr. Valentini contact Ross Dindio at the Mass. Highway Department in Lenox for an answer to his question.

**Selectman Stanton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Selectman Macy.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane P. Roosa  
Recording Secretary